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1. [] Discussed with Marshall Wright, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, the notification of embassies regarding Representative Minshall's (R., Ohio) upcoming WH trip.

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2. [] Met with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and delivered to him two letters from the Director for Chairman Mahon: 1) a response to the Chairman's letter concerning authorization of travel during the August recess by Representative Minshall (R., Ohio); and [] I briefed Preston on the withdrawal.

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I discussed with Preston the responses given the Senate Appropriations Committee to the series of questions on budgetary matters that were furnished after Mr. Colby's briefing of 11 July 1973. I also briefed Preston on Soviet silo construction, ICBM testing, grain harvest, and submarine construction. As an afterthought Preston asked if I would provide the total cost of the two R&D type projects covered in the reserve withdrawal. Charles Briggs, D/PPB, has been advised.

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3. [] Talked to Miss Carole Frings, Office of General Counsel, DOD, who told me that Secretary Schlesinger signed the response to Senator Symington, Acting Chairman, Senate Armed Services Committee, yesterday regarding officer personnel assigned outside the Department of Defense. A sentence was included in the letter stating in effect that "x" number of officers were detailed to agencies outside the Department of Defense in classified activities. No mention was made concerning reimbursement or other details of the assignment. Miss Frings told me also that no written request had been received as yet from Representative Aspin (D., Wis.) concerning officers assigned outside the Department. The Secretary's office intends to take no action in the absence of a written request from Aspin. [] and [] MPD, have been advised.

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